

Response

The specification, drawings, and claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments to the claims are being made to clarify the invention and to focus the claims on those aspects of the invention which are a commercial priority to the assignee. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on July 21, 2004. The claims were amended as discussed in the interview. While the Examiner indicated that he would need to review the amended language, Applicant believes the present amendments should place the application in a condition for allowance.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 14 and ending at page 12, line 2, was amended to correct two inadvertent typographical errors. In particular, with respect to page 11, line 15, the word "director" was replaced with the word "detector." In addition, with respect to page 12, line 1, the word "that" was replaced with the word "than." The Office Action included an objection to page 11, line 15 of the specification for disclosing a "motion director 312," which was understood to be "motion detector 312." This inadvertent typographical error in the specification has been corrected by the amendment above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

All of the drawings (Figs. 1A through 8) have been converted from informal hand drawings to formal drawings in accordance with the replacement sheets attached hereto.

Figure 2 was amended to include item number 230, which was inadvertently omitted in the original drawing. This item number was added to indicate the computer system referred to and discussed in the corresponding portion of the specification (page

8, line 1 through page 10, line 15). The Office Action included an objection to the disclosure because the specification disclosed item number 230 for a computer system at page 9, line 4, while such item number could not be found in corresponding original Figure 2. Figure 2 has been amended to correct this inadvertent error. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Figure 3 was amended to replace the word “definion” in box 328 with the word “definition,” thereby correcting an inadvertent typographical error. In the Office Action, Figure 3 was objected to because box 328 included the word “definion,” which was understood to be “definition.” Figure 3 has been amended to correct this inadvertent typographical error. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

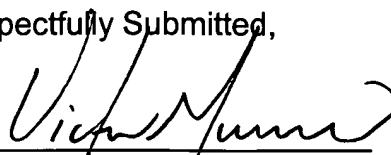
Figure 7 has been amended to clarify the relative positioning of boxes 755, 760, 765, and 770 in the depicted flow chart. Amended Figure 7 now more clearly reflects the steps described in the corresponding portion of the specification (page 24, line 14 through page 26, line 2).

The Office Action also states that, “although not disclosed, it would have been obvious to incorporate the degrading to include reducing the image size (Official Notice). Doing so would have been obvious in order to conform the bandwidth requirements of the system.” (Office Action at p. 4). Applicant traverses both of these statements, and respectfully submits that the facts asserted are not capable of instant and unquestionable demonstration as being well-known. (MPEP 2144.03). Applicant therefore asserts that the Examiner must produce some supporting evidence in order for such Official Notice to be proper.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicants traverse the rejections and preserve all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

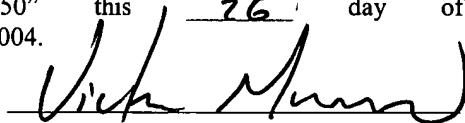


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